

**Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts
Quarterly Board Meeting**

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 10:00 am EDT

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Wilkinson Room, 1st Floor, East Tower, Galt House, Louisville, Kentucky

Board Members Present:

Judge Casey Ellis (NKADD) Chair
Mayor Les Stapleton (BSADD) 1st Vice-Chair
Mr. Steve Thurmond (BRADD) 2nd Vice-Chair
Judge John Phelps, Jr. (LCADD) Treasurer
Judge Dan Mosley (CVADD) Past Chair
Judge Wil Cannon (BRADD)
Judge Bobby Carpenter (FIVCO)
Judge Orbrey Gritton (BGADD)
Judge John Riley (KIPDA)

Ms. Penny Robinson (CVADD)
Judge Brad Schneider (GRADD)
Ms. Kendra Scott (LTADD)
Mayor Harold Slone (FIVCO)
Mr. George Spragens (LTADD)
Judge Steve Tribble (PeADD)
Mayor Mark Walter (GWADD)
Judge Huston Wells (BGADD)
Judge Kenny Wilson (PuADD)

Staff Present:

Whitney Chesnut (CVADD)
Jason Vincent (PeADD)
Sherry Johnson proxy for Mike Burress (LTADD)
Jeremy Buchanan (PuADD)

Eric Sexton (BRADD)
Jarrett Haley (KIPDA)
Kelly Ward (FIVCO)
Michele Allen (KRADD)

Tony Wilder, KCADD Executive Director
Marilyn Eaton-Thomas, KCADD Executive Assistant
Bill Cooper, Business Development Manager

Call to Order: Chair Ellis called the meeting to order and welcomed members, ADD staff and those joining via ZOOM. Following the Call of the Roll, conducted by Executive Assistant Eaton-Thomas, the Chair declared a quorum existed with 12 ADDs being represented.

Guest Speaker: Chair Ellis then proceeded with the introduction of guest speaker Mr. Neville Blakemore, a member of the You Decide Kentucky! (YDK) board. YDK is a non-profit, non-partisan corporation created to advocate and promote local government tax reform. Mr. Blakemore offered a PowerPoint presentation illustrating the need for reform and advising that local sales tax reform can only occur if the General Assembly proceeds with approval of a constitutional amendment to place before the voters of the Commonwealth. If approved at the ballot box, the General Assembly would then be authorized to pursue revisions to the state's tax code to allow local governments broader options in levying local taxes. Blakemore also cited several notable projects across the state that could have benefitted from revenue generated by a local sales tax.

He also stressed the importance of protecting the concept of "Local Control and Home Rule". He further stated that it was an imperative that public officials and an informed general public become involved in pushing the General Assembly to approve and pass a ballot measure with the intent to amend Section 181 of the state's constitution allowing the General Assembly to legislate changes to the tax code which would grant broader authority to local governments. He cited the fact that a similar bill, HB 475, failed to pass in the previous legislative session. It is the opinion of the YDK board that it will require between \$1

million and \$2 million of charitable contributions to be successful in achieving their goal. He cited the support of State Representative Michael Meredith, League of Cities Executive Director J. D. Chaney and KACo Executive Director Jim Henderson. There was general support expressed by the members and Mr. Blakemore indicated that he would make every effort to work with local officials and the ADDs to garner their support and assistance in this effort.

Chair Ellis expressed his appreciation to Mr. Blakemore for his presentation.

Approval of August 25, 2021 Minutes Chair Ellis then called for approval of the minutes from the August 25th meeting. **Judge Carpenter offered a motion to approve with Mayor Stapleton issuing a second. All members voted in favor.**

KCADD Financial Report Chair Ellis recognized Judge Phelps to offer the financial report. Treasurer Phelps advised Financial Reports were sent electronically to all members to review prior to the meeting and copies were also included in today's meeting folder. He referred to the Monthly Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the period ending September 30, 2021. He advised September's income was \$1,524.79. Year to date income receipts represents 57.41% of the budgeted figure of \$378,556.14. He also pointed to the total expenses for the fiscal year to date of \$77,929.03, which represents only 18.79% of the budget. Treasurer Phelps noted that the expenditures are in-line and reasonable at this point in the fiscal year. With there being no questions or comments, Treasurer Phelps submitted the financial report for approval. **Judge Gritton offered the motion to approve the Financial Report as presented and Mr. Spragens issued a second. All members voted in favor.**

OLD BUSINESS

Business Manager Report: Chair Ellis then proceeded to Old Business and recognized Bill Cooper to deliver his report. Mr. Cooper advised he had attended the monthly Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL/AAA) ZOOM meetings, as well as the Kentucky Association of Area Agencies on Aging ZOOM. In addition, he advised he had provided a briefing/update to DAIL and the Advancing States organization regarding our Kentucky Healthcare Connections Initiative. He also reported he had attended several webinars focusing on various health plans. He advised he is optimistic regarding finalizing the Aetna contract and stated that our team is prepared to answer all remaining IT questions posed by Aetna. Cooper also reported that he had met with Humana's Owensboro office where he provided an overview of the Healthcare Connections Program. He also advised that the United Healthcare plan had requested he offer a presentation. He closed by advising he has been working closely with Directors Vincent and Haley to analyze and overview program deficiencies and costs associated with the PCHP/Anthem Medicaid contract administration.

ACL Grant Expenditure/Preferred Community Partner's (PCHP) Contract: Executive Director Wilder advised the members regarding recent positive developments with Aetna and PCHP. We are on the cusp of formalizing the agreement and launching the pilot project to be administered by GRADD. If successful the intent is to incrementally expand to other selected ADDs and potentially add additional home care services through other providers. Wilder acknowledged that he understands the concerns expressed from some GRADD Board members regarding a possible increased financial burden on the ADD. But, he reiterated that it is a short term contract

and a pilot program that can be terminated if not financially feasible. Judge Schneider offered that GRADD staff is endorsing the program and that he is committed to seeing the project move forward.

Update on “No Wrong Door” Grant Application: Chair Ellis again called on Bill Cooper to offer an update on the new grant application which was submitted earlier in the year. Mr. Cooper advised KCADD’s application in the amount of \$300,000 regrettably was not funded. He explained about 170 applications were received and only 10 awarded. Mr. Cooper learned that all the grants awarded went to applicants who had not established a network and were less advanced in the process than we are.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Priorities for the 2022 Legislative Session: Chair Ellis called on Executive Director Wilder to present the legislative priorities for the next session of the General Assembly. Wilder advised he would present some previously identified priorities for consideration with expectations that other topics may emerge from the discussion. He indicated that those with consensus approval would be incorporated into a formal document for distribution later. He opened the discussion by advising that Representative Sal Santoro would again present a Motor Fuels Tax bill that would replicate last year’s measure, which we supported.

Wilder also cited the work of the currently impaneled legislative Medicaid Waiver Taskforce. Given that the ADDs provide Waiver services, we will be monitoring very closely their sessions and any issuance of recommendations.

He also offered the following additional priority recommendations:

- The ADDs strongly advocate that a significant portion of the expected second tranch of ARPA funds (\$1.1 billion) be devoted to utilities infrastructure development.
- The General Assembly fund the Joint Funding Administration (JFA) at the same or in excess of last years \$1.984 million.
- The ADDs advocate for the creation of a separate line-item appropriation apart from the JFA Allocation, to apply toward the matching of Federal Appalachian Regional Commission Local Development funds. Wilder advised that the initial effort will focus on securing the appropriation in the Governor’s Executive Branch Budget. Should that effort be successful, our lobbying efforts will turn to members of the General Assembly. He also advised that preliminary discussions have already occurred with Rocky Adkins, the Governor’s Special Assistant.

Appointment of the Nominating Committee for 2022 KCADD Officers: Chair Ellis named 3 members to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2022. They are Judge Tribble, Chair; Mayor Mark Walter and Judge Wil Cannon. **Mr. George Spragens offered a motion to approve the three names offered by the Chair. Mr. Steve Thurmond provided a second. All members voted in favor.**

Next KCADD Meeting Dates: Executive Director Wilder announced that the 2022 Legislative Breakfast has been scheduled for February 10 at the Capitol Annex Cafeteria. We will convene our KCADD meeting following the breakfast in an Annex Committee Room that will be determined after December 1.

Executive Director's Report: Chair Ellis recognized Executive Director Wilder to offer his report. Wilder advised he had virtually attended numerous "ADD relevant" legislative committee meetings. He also participated in the Kentuckians for Better Transportation Special Multi-Modal meeting via ZOOM. Wilder also advised he had participated in a legislative panel discussion at the KMCA Fall Conference.

He concluded by updating the members regarding the retaining wall issue on the KCADD property. He advised he had solicited a proposal from "Solid Ground", an engineering firm based in Richmond, Kentucky to study the problem and issue a report and recommendations. The firm subsequently offered a quote of \$4,900 for their services. Wilder indicated he felt that amount exceeded his expectations for cost and that he would peruse other quotes and report back to the Council.

Adjournment: Chair Ellis thanked Director Wilder for his report. He then inquired if there was further business or comments to come before the Council. There being no further business to entertain, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. **Judge Gritton offered the motion to adjourn and Mayor Stapleton issued a second. All members voted in favor.** The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am EDT.